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On July 21, 2006, Applicants filed the Appeal Brief. Applicants submit the Appeal Brief was timely filed, as it was submitted within one-month of the mailing of the abovenoted Notice of Panel Decision.

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Accordingly, Applicants submit that a two-month extension of time fee was not required to be paid with the filing of the Appeal Brief, and respectfully requests a refund of the \$450.00 that was charged to the Deposit Account for a two-month extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted, Toshiki KINDO et al.

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